

The 32-square-mile Meadowlands District and its activities are overseen by the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs and comprised of six commissioners from Bergen and Hudson counties. The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's mission is to protect the delicate balance of nature; to provide for orderly development; and to provide facilities for the disposal of solid waste.

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Experience it all...
in The Meadowlands

- ☞ Guided pontoon boat tours and canoe trips
- ☞ Annual Halloween party with spooky walk
- ☞ The Interactive Learning Center
- ☞ The Flyway Gallery
- ☞ Richard W. DeKorte Park Nature walks
- ☞ The Jill Ann Ziemkiewicz Memorial Butterfly Garden
- ☞ Public speakers program
- ☞ The Cove's World Trade Center Memorial
- ☞ Field trips for all grades
- ☞ Student convocations
- ☞ Teacher workshops
- ☞ Graduate-level courses
- ☞ Traveling educational programs
- ☞ Laboratory workshops for high-school and college students
- ☞ Yearly conservation projects
- ☞ MERI - The Meadowlands Environmental Institute
- ☞ MERI's Digital Meadowlands
- ☞ MERI Library
- ☞ Free trail guides
- ☞ Volunteer opportunities



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Discovery Station

The Meadowlands Experience



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The Meadowlands Experience...






Discover the Meadowlands

Upon entering the Meadowlands Environment Center, you can access Discovery Station, the Interactive Learning Center. Here you can climb aboard a larger than life-size turtle, peek at insects under a microscope, and listen to the chatter of owls and crickets. Whether you're 5 or 55, discovery is at your fingertips! Be sure to look very closely because there are many possibilities for exploration throughout the entire discovery station.

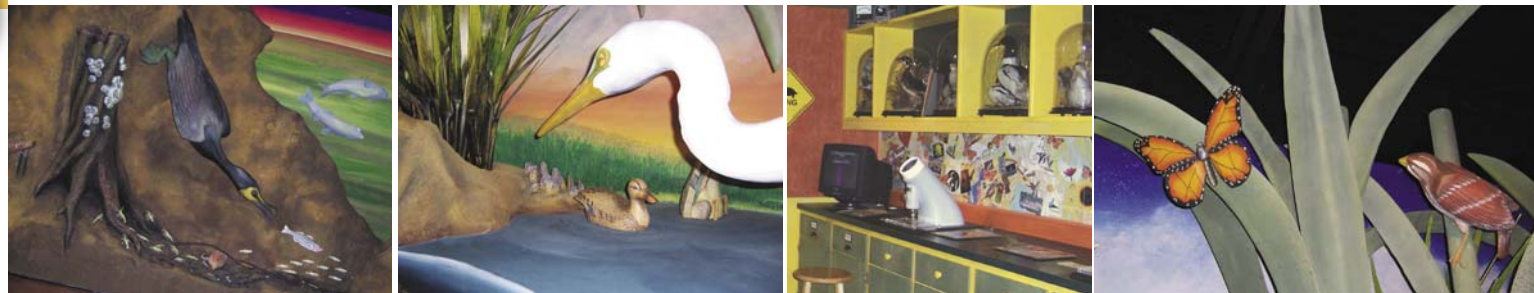


Investigate in the Foyer

As the Meadowlands continues to change, we continue our studies to make wise choices for the future. Touch the screen to learn about:




-  The mission of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission
-  Migration through the Meadowlands
-  Wetlands environments

...where you can experience the past, present and future of the meadowlands







Experience the past in the Cedar Theater

Turn back the hands of time as you step into the cedar forest of yesterday.

-  For over 500 years, Atlantic White Cedar forest covered one-third of the Meadowlands. Revisit this time in our 3D exhibit and learn what happened to the Cedar Forest.
-  Listen closely for the calls of forest-dependent creatures! Although they are long gone from the Meadowlands they are preserved as taxidermy specimens. Please be kind and remember not to touch them!
-  Travel through 400 years of history by reading the history panels and journals.







Explore the present in the Super Marsh

The Meadowlands of today is full of life -- do you know where to find it? Immerse yourself in this "larger-than-life" environment and discover the diversity above and below the water of a salt marsh.

-  Push and hold the buttons to hear the sounds of the marsh. Can you match the calls to the critters?
-  Share the wonders of a children's storybook.
-  Explore how a salt marsh works in the guidebooks.
-  Count how many animals are hidden in the SUPER MARSH

Experiment in the Meadowlands Lab

Visit our field station and equip yourself with knowledge at the many interactive displays.

-  View a wide variety of natural and cultural artifacts in the display cases
-  Touch the computer screens to bone up on local flora and fauna as you take an informative and exciting virtual tour of the Meadowlands landmarks.
-  Catch a close-up view of countertop specimens - or even your own face on the TV - by using the magnifying "flex scopes!"
-  Investigate careers, weather, science, trends, migration, and satellite images.
-  Spin the postcard racks and uncover the many mini stories of the changing Meadowlands. Please leave the postcards for future visitors to discover.
-  Explore what is kept in the "Open-Me" drawers!

Environment Center Hours:

Monday through Friday -- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Barrier-free entrance; accessible restrooms.

Please contact the Meadowlands Environment Center offices prior to visiting if special requirements are needed under the A.D.A.